UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS WESTERN DIVISION

EASTERN DISTRICT COURT
MAR 1.6 2015

JAMES W. MCCORMACK CLERK
By:

ROYCE DEVORAK

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 4:15LV 154-JLA

HYUNDAI CAPITAL AMERICA,

Defendant.

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

ROYCE DEVORAK (Plaintiff), through attorneys, KROHN & MOSS, LTD., alleges the following against HYUNDAI CAPITAL AMERICA (Defendant):

INTRODUCTION

1. Count I of Plaintiff's Complaint alleges that Defendant negligently, knowingly and/or willfully violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227 et seq. (TCPA).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 2. Jurisdiction of this court arises pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1331.
- 3. Because Defendant conducts business in the State of Arkansas, personal jurisdiction is established.
- 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1391(b)(2).

PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff is a natural person who resides in Lonoke, Lonoke County, Arkansas.
- 6. Defendant is a business entity with its principal place of business in Irvine, California.
- 7. Defendant acted through its agents, employees, officers, members, directors, heirs, successors, assigns, principals, trustees, sureties, subrogees, representatives, and insurers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 8. Defendant places collection calls to Plaintiff seeking and attempting to collect on an alleged debt.
- Defendant places collection calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone at phone number (501)
 266-01XX
- Defendant places collection calls to Plaintiff from phone numbers including, but not limited to, 800-523-7020.
- 11. Per its prior business practices, Defendant's calls were placed with an automated dialing system ("auto-dialer").
- 12. On or around August 2, 2014, Plaintiff spoke to Defendant's representative and requested that Defendant cease calling her cellular telephone.
- 13. Plaintiff revoked any consent, express, implied, or otherwise, to receive automated collection calls from Defendant.
- 14. Despite Plaintiff's request to cease, Defendant continued to place at least two hundred and eighty-one (281) automated collection calls to Plaintiff.

COUNT I DEFENDANT VIOLATED THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT

- 15. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous negligent violations of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).
- 16. Defendant's actions alleged *supra* constitute numerous and multiple knowing and/or willful violates of the TCPA, entitling Plaintiff to an award of \$1500.00 in statutory damages for each and every violation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:
 - 17. Statutory damages of \$500.00 for each and every negligent violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(B);
 - 18. Statutory damages of \$1500.00 for each and every knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(b) and 47 U.S.C. § (b)(3)(C);
 - 19. All court costs, witness fees and other fees incurred; and
 - 20. Any other relief that this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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VERIFICATION OF COMPLAINT AND CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ARKANSAS

Plaintiff, ROYCE DEVORAK, states the following:

- 1. I am the Plaintiff in this civil proceeding.
- 2. I have read the above-entitled civil Complaint prepared by my attorneys and I believe that all of the facts contained in it are true, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.
- 3. I believe that this civil Complaint is well grounded in fact and warranted by existing law or by a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law.
- I believe that this civil Complaint is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to 4. harass any Defendant(s), cause unnecessary delay to any Defendant(s), or create a needless increase in the cost of litigation to any Defendant(s), named in the Complaint.
- I have filed this Complaint in good faith and solely for the purposes set forth in it. 5.
- Each and every exhibit I have provided to my attorneys which has been attached to this 6. Complaint is a true and correct copy of the original.
- 7. Except for clearly indicated redactions made by my attorneys where appropriate, I have not altered, changed, modified or fabricated these exhibits, except that some of the attached exhibits may contain some of my own handwritten notations.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746(2), I, ROYCE DEVORAK, hereby declare (or certify, verify or state) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

1-27-2015

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT